

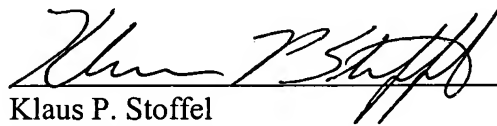
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted simultaneously with the filing of the present application.

With this amendment, applicants have amended claims 1-6 all in an effort to place the application in better condition for examination. The claims have been amended to eliminate all multiple dependencies and thereby to reduce the filing fee.

Favorable action on the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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